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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROPOSED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON  
CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THERMONUCLEAR  
TECHNOLOGY

REFERENCES: PARIS 04706

1. DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED U.S. AGENCIES FAVOR TECH-  
NICAL THERMONUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION DISCUSSIONS AS  
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PROPOSED BY MFA SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR DE NAZELLE BUT PREFER  
TO BEGIN WITH ENLARGED SCOPE AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 1 OF  
REFTEL TO INCLUDE (1) ANY REMAINING TECHNICAL QUESTIONS  
THE FRENCH MIGHT HAVE CONCERNING THE USE OF REACTOR GRADE  
PLUTONIUM, (2) PROLIFERATION IMPLICATIONS OF ISOTOPE  
SEPARATION IN NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE TECHNOLOGIES, (3) INTER-  
NATIONAL COOPERATION FOR RESPONDING TO CIVIL NUCLEAR

EMERGENCIES, AND (4) ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPLEMENTATION OF CATEGORIES II AND III PHYSICAL PROTECTION MEASURES.

2. TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PREPARATION AND PRIOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH (GILLER-MACKLEN

TALKS TENTATIVELY SET FOR MARCH 10-22 IN LONDON), WE RECOMMEND POSTPONEMENT OF FRENCH VISIT TO PERIOD OF THURSDAY MARCH 30 THROUGH FRIDAY APRIL 1. THIS EXTENSION WOULD ALSO PERMIT AN EXCHANGE OF PAPERS WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD MAKE THE DISCUSSIONS MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL.

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